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(b) The notification was published in the *West Godavari District Gazette* on 8th October 1928 in Telugu. As regards its publication in the village office the Government have no information.

(c) Before 8th December 1928.

(d) As the mamul wet lands in the estate have been localized and as the record of rights prepared for the estate has become final, it would seem to be now in order to invite and consider individual objections. The objections might not be common to all the lands in the estate.

Settlement

Enquiry into the conduct of a village munsif by the Tahsildar of Bhimavaram.

*991 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar, Bhimavaram, is actively engaged in making enquiries whether a certain village munsif is in any way connected with the representations made to Government by the people in West Godavari district regarding resettlement proposals;

(b) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, at whose instance and with what object the enquiry has been undertaken; and

(c) whether village munsifs are prohibited from associating themselves with representations made to Government regarding resettlement proposals?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not know whether this is so or not.

(c) There is no such prohibition.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"With reference to the answer to clauses (a) and (b), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"No, Sir."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know why the Government refuse to call for the information?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Because there is nothing wrong in a tahsildar making enquiries concerning the activities of one of his subordinates."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"In answer to clause (c), the Government have stated that there is no prohibition in the matter of village munsifs associating themselves with representations made to Government regarding resettlement proposals. In that case where is the necessity for the tahsildar to make enquiries of that kind?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"We do not know what the scope of the enquiry is."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"Therefore, will the Government be pleased to ascertain the scope of the enquiry now being made by the tahsildar?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"There is no reason to suppose that he is enquiring with the object of enforcing a prohibition that does not exist."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR, on account of whose absence questions relating to his portfolio were postponed, attended the Council by this time and made the following statement :—

"I am sorry, Mr. President, I was not here when the additional or supplementary list of questions was called in. I was urgently called away and I had asked my hon. Colleague, Dr. Subbarayan, to answer them if they were called in before I was able to come. I expected to be back within five or six minutes, but could not do so quickly. I am very sorry and I apologize to you and to the House for not being present when the questions were called in. If any hon. Member wishes to put questions, I am ready to answer."

Supplemental questions to question No. 970.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"Sir, may I ask the Minister for Public Health whether he has since received the report from the President of the Markapur Taluk Board ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The report was received."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"May I know whether he has received a report from the District Board President, Kurnool ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"No, Sir."

Registration

Location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk.

*971 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Devarapalli and the neighbouring villages have submitted any petition praying for the location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk, West Godavari district ; and

(b) whether the District Registrar, West Godavari, recommended the establishment of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli ; and if so, whether Government propose to give effect to the recommendation ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such proposal has been received by Government.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Inspector-General of Registration has received the proposal referred to in the question and whether it has been pending with him ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"There is no such proposal now pending with the Government."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Registrar-General has sent up any such proposal ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I do not know, probably he will be sending, if he has received one."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural experiment stations in the province.

992 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Agricultural experiment stations there are in the province ;